

ton telling the public of Calif
that he has collected already
490 species of plants, starting
from San Diego, following
the Coast up to Shasta.
If Prof. Brewer's report is correct
(6000 sp.) then that man is
a great outrage. Again, he
went into the female seminaries
at Santa Clara, telling the young
Ladies all flowers around them
were new, they should collect them
and he - don't be astonished -
would name them after them.
Again, at Sacramento, he went
in a church in the evening and
speaking about the wonderful
full things of the creator,
remarked that he ^{the greater} kept out
cattle in spring on a species
of Geranium, meaning Ero-
dium, the Lpanists atfelicin.

Wm. J. B. C.

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Mariposa Big-tree Grove Aug 5th

My dear Doctor Gray,

Your favor
of June 26th was received last
night. It is pleasing to me to know
that those two boxes are at last
in your possession, they gave me
a great deal of anxiety.

Veratrum new? Helminthospermum new?
Such common and showy plants
along the upper coast. Veratrum
occurs only west of the Redwood
on wet swamps flats covering
them with a profusion of white flowers
in Sept. (65)

Enclosed I send you a specimen
or rather a part of one, labeled the
same species. It has the same
station covering the mountains
meadows (from 4 - 8000 feet alt.)

especially around the big trees. Tomorrow I will secure a large lot of them. This *Veratrum*, the composite and *Lupinus latifolius* form the main bulk of a large meadow around the big trees. The little grasses in the Yosemite Valley and here in wet meadows generally associated with a small *Sporobolus*. I believe plants of its character grows under the *Genus* *Mariscus* or some name like it. (We have no books here).

Under these circumstances I shall not feel ashamed to submit to you my spring collection made on the coast. With yours came a letter from Leavenworth giving his account of the various *Tridontium subulatum* sp. nov.

having only a representative at New York. *Tasmania* seems to delight him particularly *Sphagnum subsecundum* var. *Fickelmanni* *Leuartii* and *Cutlerstoni*. *Templetoni* he refers to as fine discoveries. Prof. Tucker man has not reported yet for him. I had a finer lot, I thought so at least.

For the Hepaticae we must have a different man. It would do to have it done poorly to say the least.

A week ago I sent you an envelope full with seeds of *Legumin gigantea*. I hope it will arrive safely; the seeds are from last fall.

Now an unpleasant affair. What is to be done with Prof. Wood? On the 9th of June he had a letter published in the Bull